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SUBJECT 1. LOCATION OF PRISON HOUSING AMERICAN INMATES

SOUTHEAST OF THE ROUTE 911/9113 JUNCTION

IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE

2. LOCATION OF TWO PRISONS HOUSING LAO INMATES

IN THE AREA

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1. AS OF MID-JUNE 1969, A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN THAPHACHON (WE 8805), APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE ROUTES 911/9113 JUNCTION IN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, HOUSED A TOTAL OF 17 FOREIGN AIRMEN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN WHILE

L-10 Reports indicate prison here since early Jul 67 at least. Prison confirmed by rescued Air America crew member. Seg.

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FLYING IN SOUTH LAOS, INCLUDING 12 AMERICANS, THREE THAIS AND TWO FILIPINOS.

2. ON 14 JUNE, ACCORDING TO THE SECOND SOURCE, THE BAN THAPHACHON PRISON HOUSED A TOTAL OF 58 PRISONERS, ONLY 18 OF WHOM WERE FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, THAIS, AND FILIPINOS. THESE PRISONERS WERE DETAINED IN A CAVE AREA WHILE GUARDS LIVED IN FOUR BUILDINGS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1969 OF THE PRISON AREA SHOWED AN ACTIVE FOOT TRAIL LEAVING ROUTE 911 ALONGSIDE A VEHICLE SLIP AT WE 875048, ROUNDING THE KARST FORMATION, AND PASSING UNDER DENSE TREE CANOPY AT WE 881050. SHORT SEGMENTS OF THE TRAIL WERE VISIBLE THROUGH THE TREE CANOPY AT WE 883051 AND WE 885049. A SHORT SPUR TRAIL LEFT THE MAIN TRAIL AT WE 878051 AND LED TO A PROBABLE CAVE ENTRANCE IN THE BASE OF THE KARST AT WE 878050. AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY WAS VISIBLE ALONG THE BASE OF THE KARST AT WE 889049. GROUND FOLIAGE HAD BEEN CLEARED UNDER THE TREE CANOPY AND ONE POSSIBLE BUILDING WAS VISIBLE. A SMALL PATCH OF ROW CROPPING WAS VISIBLE AT WE 885050. A LARGE PATCH WAS LOCATED AT WE 887051.)

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4. A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN MUONG ANGKHAM /XD 1976/, — L-11: Rptd a APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE ROUTES 911/239, a ^{previously b7} junction in SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, HOUSED LAO POLITICAL ^{rescued Air America crewmembers} PRISONERS, INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. A PRISON AT BAN KOI /UNLOCATED, BUT POSSIBLY WD 9829/ HOUSED ^{Unknown by me, SS} LAO PRISONERS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE THAN THOSE DETAINED AT THE BAN MUONG ANGKHAM PRISON. [REDACTED] COMMENT. ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED 23 JUNE COULD NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OF THESE BUILDINGS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN CANOPY COVER DURING THE RAINY SEASON. HOWEVER, SINGLE POSSIBLE BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED AT XD 192761 AND XD 192763. A LARGE PROBABLE BIVOUAC AREA WAS OBSERVED WITHIN COORDINATES BOUNDED BY XD 193769, XD 198771, XD 203771 AND XD 224768. CURRENT LISTING CONFIRM PRISONS AT XD 193757 AND IN THE WD 9829 VICINITY./

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